

The foregoing description of the preferred embodiments and other embodiments of the invention have been presented for the purposes of illustration and description only. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed, nor is it to be implied by the foregoing drawings or descriptions that the device be limited to flexible hoses or manual, handheld operations. Many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. It is intended that the scope of the invention be limited not by these detailed descriptions, but rather by the claims appended hereto.

a² Although the textual description of the device describes its application to flexible hoses and hose storage reels only, the inventor hereby notices that the device and/or variations of its embodiments may afford one or more of these advantages in the management of any flexible, linear, tubular, linked, braided, wound or solid connecting, retrieval or delivery means exemplified by but not to be construed to be limited to: steel cable; wire rope; electrical cable and cord; fiber optical cable; any and all types, weaves, strands and braids of natural and synthetic ropes, twines and lines; chain motor chains; chain and/or any linkage or connection device that can be defined or employed as chain; home, garden, industrial and commercially employed water hoses, and any other flexible, linear, dispensing and/or connecting and/or retrieving invention that, at the determination of a prospective user, may be more effectively and/or efficiently managed by the employment of the preferred embodiment of the device, or any embodiment of the device, or any other device that can be determined to be a similar derivative of the above teaching.

The hose reel(s) defined and illustrated herein are hereby construed to be representative of any power source which creates tension on any of the examples named in the preceding paragraph whereby a situation is created in which the device(s) described and illustrated herein may, at the determination of the user, be advantageously employed.